



# DISASTER NEWS

*Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

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## *Disaster Assistance Available for Small Businesses*

**Sacramento, CA** - Small, non-farm businesses in the following counties may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers caused by adverse weather conditions throughout the state, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Small businesses in the following primary and neighboring counties may apply for working capital loans to offset economic losses that are attributable to the impact of the following weather conditions and incident dates in each county.

<b>EIDL</b>	<b>PRIMARY COUNTIES</b>	<b>CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES</b>	<b>INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b>INCIDENT DATE</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
10289	Nacogdoches	Angelina, Cherokee, Rusk, San Augustine & Shelby	Drought & Excessive Heat	03/01/05 & cont.	07/24/06
10357	Bee, Dewitt, Hood & Somervell	Bosque, Erath, Goliad, Gonzales, Johnson, Karnes, Lavaca, Live Oak, Palo Pinto, Parker, Refugio, San Patricio & Victoria	Drought	06/01/05 & cont.	09/18/06
10363	Montague	Clay, Cooke, Jack & Wise; and the Oklahoma counties of Jefferson & Love	Drought	08/01/05 & cont.	09/18/06
10376	Austin, Cass, Eastland & Palo Pinto	Bowie, Brown, Callahan, Colorado, Comanche, Erath, Fayette, Fort Bend, Hood, Jack, Marion, Morris, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Waller, Washington, Wharton & Young; and Miller County, Arkansas; and Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Drought	04/01/05 & cont.	09/25/06
10388	Limestone	Falls, Freestone, Hill, Leon, McLennan, Navarro & Robertson	Drought	04/01/05 & cont.	10/02/06
10397	Jack & Washington	Archer, Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Clay, Fayette, Grimes, Lee, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Waller, Wise & Young	Drought	04/01/05 & cont.	10/10/06
10400	Wise	Cooke, Denton, Jack, Montague, Parker & Tarrant	Fire, High Winds	12/26/05 - 12/27/05	10/10/06
10401	Callahan	Brown, Coleman, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford & Taylor	Fire & High Winds	12/26/05 & cont.	10/10/06

For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

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10411	Cherokee	Anderson, Angelina, Henderson, Houston, Nacogdoches, Rusk & Smith	Drought & Frost	03/01/05 & cont.	10/13/06
10412	Cooke	Denton, Grayson, Montague & Wise and Love County, Oklahoma	Fire	12/27/05	10/13/06
10415	Palo Pinto	Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Parker, Stephens & Young	High Winds & Wildfire	01/01/06	10/13/06
10416	Rusk	Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Nacogdoches, Panola, Shelby & Smith	Drought	03/01/05 & cont.	10/13/06
10434	Jack	Archer, Clay, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wise & Young	Wildfire & High Winds	01/12/06	11/13/06

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. “Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,” Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary’s declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

For information and application forms call toll-free (800) 659-2955, or visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.